

**CITY OF GOODYEAR
COUNCIL ACTION REPORT**

SUBJECT: Accepting a grant award from the Tohono O’odham Nation to the Goodyear Fire Department for a Crisis Response van.	STAFF PRESENTER: Chief Paul Luizzi
	CASE NUMBER: None
	OTHER PRESENTER: None

PROPOSED ACTION:

ADOPT RESOLUTION No.17-1835 ACCEPTING A \$36,000 GRANT AWARD FROM THE TOHONO O’ODHAM NATION FOR A CRISIS RESPONSE VAN FOR THE GOODYEAR FIRE DEPARTMENT, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE ALL DOCUMENTS RELATED TO THE GRANT AWARD, AND AUTHORIZE A BUDGET TRANSFER FOR THE GRANT.

BACKGROUND AND PREVIOUS ACTIONS:

The Tohono O’odham Nation shares a portion of their revenues from tribal gaming directly with local governments to benefit the general public. In May 2017, the Goodyear Fire Department applied for a grant for a Crisis Response (CR) Van and associated equipment to support crisis response services. The request is consistent with priorities identified by the Tohono O’odham Nation for their 12% Revenue Sharing program. In September, staff was notified that the grant request was approved. Authorization of the Grant-In-Aid agreement will allow staff to move forward with the purchase of the vehicle.

STAFF ANALYSIS:

Currently, there are two crisis response assets in the West Valley (Surprise and Glendale); however, the response times, even if available, reach up to 40 minutes and the other unit typically does not respond outside of its municipal limits.

The CR van would be dispatched to a scene of an incident, the hospital or elsewhere in the community to provide assistance to the whole community, including residents and visitors who are (for example):

- Passengers left roadside dealing with traumatic grief
- Crime victims requiring immediate contact from the faith community
- Stranded children needing transport to follow a parent to the hospital
- House fire victims needing boxes for belongings, blankets or Red Cross referrals
- Confused and exhausted family members involved in behavioral emergencies
- A patient’s family, older adults or functional needs persons who are left behind, confused about what next to do

The CR van would be housed at a fire station and dispatched just like any other fire apparatus on very specific incidents or could be called by the crews in the field or by a supervisor in the

hospital's Emergency Department to care for the family of a patient. The CR van would also benefit the Goodyear Police Department and provide coverage when their crisis counselor is not available.

The CR van would not only improve the care of the patient, but also dramatically improve the quality of care and service to the family and community who may otherwise be left behind to be quiet casualties. The CR van also assists first responders in knowing that everyone on scene of an emergency was truly helped.

FISCAL ANALYSIS:

First year operations, maintenance and fuel expenses for the van are estimated to cost \$2700 and will be absorbed in the Fire Department operating budget. Volunteers will be assigned to operate the vehicle. Staff will submit a budget supplemental request for vehicle equipment for FY2019.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends adoption of Resolution 17-1835, accepting the grant award and executing a budget transfer to allow the Fire Department to develop this new service that will significantly enhance the quality of life for Goodyear residents.

ATTACHMENTS:

Resolution 17-1835

Proposal Request from City of Goodyear (grant application)

Grant-in-Aid Fiscal Agent Agreement